



# CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

650 CANYON DEL REY ROAD ♦ DEL REY OAKS, CALIFORNIA 93940

OFFICE OF

TELEPHONE (831) 394-8511

March 26, 2002

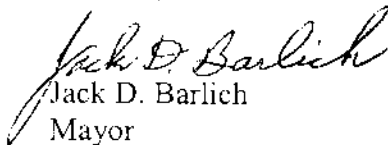
The Honorable Robert O'Farrell  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Monterey County  
P.O. Box 1819  
Salinas, California 93902

Dear Judge O'Farrell:

At the meeting on March 26, 2002, the City Council of the City of Del Rey Oaks considered the attached response, prepared by the staff of the City of Del Rey Oaks to the 2001 Monterey County Grand Jury Report. After careful review and discussion, the City Council approved the attached response to the Findings and Recommendations section of the 2001 Final Report on Monterey Bay Beaches.

As required by Section 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code, Del Rey Oaks is submitting the attached response to the 2001 Monterey County Grand Jury Report.

Sincerely,

  
Jack D. Barlich  
Mayor

Enc:            Response to 2001 Grand Jury Report.

**CITYOF DEL REY OAKS**  
**RESPONSE TO 2001 MONTEREY COUNTY**  
**CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT**  
**JANUARY 2, 2002**

**FINDING #3:**

**There is inadequate storm drain pipe maintenance in Monterey Peninsula Cities.**

**RESPONSE:**

The City of Del Rey Oaks agrees with the findings, with these comments.

**COMMENTS:**

The City of Del Rey Oaks is one of only two cities on the Monterey Peninsula that the Grand Jury has required to respond to their findings and recommendations that does not have beach front property, and as a result, we do not maintain a drain that directly discharges storm water into the bay. However we understand the need and importance of a well maintained storm drain system. To that end, the City has completed video taping of all the storm drains in the City, and made the two necessary repairs noted as a result of the taping. The City has also labeled all of the storm drains in the City indicating that only clear water is allowed to enter the system. We also plan to place public education material(s) in our City Hall, City Bulletin Boards and City news letter that educates our residents in reporting illegal dumping of material into the storm drain system. We will also make sure that the small light industrial businesses in the city are monitored for compliance.

For the past several years, Del Rey Oaks has participated in the Storm Water Task Force with all of the other Monterey Peninsula cities which is being conducted by the MRWPCA. The objective of this group is to cooperatively fulfill the federal requirements to obtain the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permit by March 2003. This process was presented to the Del Rey Oaks City Council and approved in concept. It is anticipated that the city will ratify a draft copy of the Mutual Agreement for the cities to work together to fulfill the NPDES Phase II permit and time schedule within the next several months.

**FINDINGS #4**

**Only one public information forum on how to keep beaches and coastal waters healthy was conducted in Monterey County during 2001. It was held in Monterey on February 28, 2001.**

**RESPONSE:**

Del Rey Oaks agrees with this finding. We would like to participate in more regional education programs on the effects of pollutants in our storm drain systems. One of the activities of the combined storm water Phase II permit activities includes educational programs.

**RECOMMENDATION #1:**

**The Board of Supervisors direct the Environmental Health Division of the Monterey County Health Department to share its expertise with Monterey Peninsula cities, working with the cities to determine what support they require to develop community education program. The community education program that each Monterey Peninsula city develops should include, but not be limited to: (a) Sources of run-off pollution into Bay waters; (b) Monterey Bay bacterial pollution; (c) Potential illnesses from polluted ocean water; (d) Methods of prevention of pollution of Monterey Bay Waters.**

**RESPONSE:**

The Monterey County Director of Environmental Health is the City's health officer. As such he is available as a consultant to Del Rey Oaks staff on these matters. The Monterey County Health Department is notified twenty-four hours a day, when there is a concern that a pollutant may have entered the storm water system.

The joint storm water task force has an educational component and has formed a sub-committee to develop a model for continuing education.